traffic demand. Indian Airlines has no plans at present to restore the service;

आजमगढ़ का पर्यटन स्थल के रूप में विकास

2468. **श्री राम नरेश यादव** : क्या **नागर विमानन और पर्यटन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) राहुल सांकृत्यायन शताब्दी अवसर पर उनके जन्म स्थान आजमगढ़, जो कि बौद्ध सर्किट पर स्थित है को एक पर्यटन स्थल के रूप में विकसित करने के लिए क्या सरकार के पास कोई योजना है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) जी नहीं

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

इंडियन एयरलाइन्स को छोडकर गए विमान चालकों और इंजीनियरों का वापस बुलाया जाना

2469. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल** : क्या **नागर विमान और पर्यटन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि इंडियन एयरलाइन्स से त्याग पत्र देकर गैर-सरकारी विमान कम्पनियों में नौकरी पर लगने वाले कुछ विमानचालकों और इंजीनियरों से इंडियन एयरलाइन्स में वापस आने के लिए अनुरोध किया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार उन्हें इंडियन एयरलाइन्स में पुनः ले रही और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) ये प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Renaming of Hyderabad Airport

2470. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had announced a proposal to name Hyderabad Airport after late Shri Rajiv Gandhi; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the delay in implementing the decision?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Hyderabad airport is being brought to international standards. Its declaration as international airport and renaming as Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, will follow thereafter.

Monopoly Status to Indian Airlines

2471. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI IQBAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION & TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to restore monopoly status to Indian Airlines for operation in the country;

(b) whether there is a move to amend the Air Corporations Act; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Under section 18 of the Air Corporation's Act, 1953, operation of scheduled air services is already reserved for Indian Airlines, Air India and their associates.

(b) and (c) A Bill namely, the Air Corporations (Transfer of Undertakings and Repeal) Bill, 1992 has been introduced in the Lok Sabha, which envisages:

(a) Repeal of the Air Corporations Act, 1953.

(b) Assets and liabilities of Air India and Indian Airlines to vest in two companies, namely, Air India Ltd., and Indian Airlines Ltd.

(c) All licences, permits, quotas and exemptions to be deemed to have been granted to the proposed companies;

(d) The tax exemptions or benefits available to the corporations to continue, to have effect in relation to the proposed companies;

(e) Guarantees given for or in favour of the Corporation to any loan or lease finance, to continue to be operative;

(f) Every officer or other employee of the Corporations would become as from the appointed date, an officer or other employee as the case may be in which the undertakings, have vested, with the same terms and conditions of service, etc with option to resign.

(g) Power of Central Government to give directions to the companies.

Procurement of more A-320 aircraft

2472. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION & TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a dozen A-320 Airbus planes are likely to join Indian Airlines during the year 1993;

(b) if so, what is the schedule of arrival of these planes;

(c) whether there is an anticipation of excess capacity in Indian Airlines at this juncture after the arrival of these planes; and

(d) what are the details of traffic and capacity at present with the Indian Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Apart from the one aircraft received during February 1993 only six more A-320 aircraft will be joining Indian Airlines fleet during 1993. While one aircraft each will be taken delivery of during March, May, June and November, two will be taken delivery of during July, 1993.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The average passenger capacity presently offered is 30,400 seats per day. The average traffic carried during the period 21.2.93 to 6.3.93 was 21,050 passengers per day. The capacity offered is being augmented gradually after withdrawal of the recent strik by the pilots.

Indian Airlines flights to Andhra Pradesh

2473. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION & TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to link Delhi and Visakhapatnam during the calendar year 1993; and

(b) what are the other places to be linked by Indian Airlines flights, in Andhda Pradesh during this year?